

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 have been pending in the Application, all of which have been rejected. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) and objection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein. No new matter was added, and the amendments are supported by the originally submitted specification, drawings and claims.

Amend
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Figure 8 was canceled.

The body of the specification was amended to correct grammatical informalities. No new matter was added.

Claims 1 and 14 were amended to correct grammatical informalities. In particular, in claim 1, line 5 "an" changed to -- a first --, and in claim 14, line 2, "a" first occurrence, changed to -- the -- first occurrence.

Claims 1, 2, 16 and 22 were amended to re-emphasize the claimed invention.

Claims 3 and 23 were canceled.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable. The aforementioned rejections are respectfully traversed. The following is a summary of the rejections.

Summary of § 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 10, 14, 16 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Katsumata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,171,938) in view of Wessels et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,614,319) and Harada (U.S. Patent No. 5,118,905). The Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the insulation of Katsumata et al. (alleged primary reference) with a thickness of less than 0.15 mm as taught by Wessels et al.